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THE WAR.
TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OFFICIAL REPORTS.
LOCAL ENCOUNTERS AT DIFFERENT POINTS.
FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS.
London, May 5, 9.35 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The French took a number of prisoners during local fighting at night in the neighbourhood of L'Ocre.
To-day there is artillery firing and local encounters at different points.
BRITISH AVIATORS BOMBING OPERATIONS.
London, May 6, 12.55 a.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—
The mist yesterday cleared slightly in the afternoon.
We dropped nine tons of bombs on the Chaulnes railway junction, Bapaume, Armentieres, Merville and Estaires. There was little air-fighting.
We brought down one machine and drove down four uncontrolled. Two of ours are missing.
Two machines, previously reported missing, have returned.
Despite the continuance of unfavourable weather at night-time we dropped over three tons of bombs on Chaulnes and Bapaume.

BRITISH GUNFIRE IN FLANDERS.
COMPLETELY PREVENTS ENEMY MOVEMENT.
ATTACKS SMOTHERED BEFORE LAUNCHED.
London, May 6.
Correspondents in France state that the British gun-fire in Flanders in the past three days has completely prevented any enemy movement. The enemy, undoubtedly prepared for attack on the Allied positions for Saturday, but the British guns smothered the attack before it could be launched. This increased the disorganisation of the enemy rear. The French prevented the attack on their front by attacking first.

GERMAN REPORT.
London, May 5.
A wireless German official report states:—
After very strong firing preparations the French Divisions attacked Kemmel near Bailleur and were heavily repulsed.
We took over 800 prisoners.
Our fire prevented the development of an English attack westward of Baillleur.
Strong English thrusts southward of Hebuterne failed.
Reciprocal artillery firing was revived in the evening on both sides of the Somme, especially at Villers Bretonneux and on the west bank of the Aisne.

LOCAL SUCCESSES OF TACTICAL VALUE.
GERMAN TANKS PROVING A FAILURE.
London, May 5, 11.5 p.m.
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—
Some disorganisation is indicated among the enemy troops, who are hindered by heavy rains. The French and British, in the course of a successful operation between L'Ocre and Drancourt, advanced their positions on a thousand yard front to an average depth of 500 yards. We took 48 prisoners and the French about 82.

AMERICAN LIBERTY LOAN OVER SUBSCRIBED.
BY A BILLION DOLLARS.
WASHINGTON, May 5.
Unofficial figures indicate that the Third Liberty Loan has been over-subscribed by a billion dollars. The subscribers number fifteen millions.
The Loan was closed at midnight amidst patriotic demonstrations.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.
VISCOUNT FRENCH TAKES THE POST.
London, May 5.
The Press Bureau states:—
Viscount French has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. Mr. E. Shortt, E.C., M.P. for Newcastle, has been appointed Irish Secretary.
The Rt. Hon. Mr. H. E. Duke, K.C., has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal.
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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on SATURDAY, the 11th May, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the Ground floor of the Henderson Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, May 4, 1919.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings on SATURDAY, the 11th May, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st February, 1919, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12 o'clock noon April 27th to 12 o'clock noon May 11th.

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Hongkong, April 26, 1919.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 11 A.M. on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1919, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1917, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th May to the 17th May, 1919, both days inclusive.

The CHINA-BORNEO Co., Ltd.

W. G. DARBY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 2, 1919.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1919, at Noon.

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W. CHATHAM,

Director of Public Works,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, May 6, 1919.

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GRAPHIC STORY OF PATROL WORK.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce, contains the following article: A seaplane spotted a submarine lying on the sea bed. Instantly the observer's finger commenced to tap a key, and ten miles away a long, lean destroyer and four scout cruisers detached themselves from a pack of boats working a covert and hastened to the kill. Meanwhile the seaplane circled round, but when the surface ships arrived, her instructions were delivered by wireless, were curt and precise. Acting on them the destroyers stationed themselves at the four corners of a wet quadrangle, while the destroyer kept her guns ready to talk to Fritz should he appear above the surface. The destroyers at the corners of the quadrangle got out their awesep, long wire hawsers of an incredible stoutness with a heavy kite in the centre to keep their sights down the sea bed, and commenced to steam towards each other. As the pairs met their sinuous way between her hull and the sea bottom. It was then that a strange thing happened. Two round black objects seemed to detach themselves from her shell and float surfacewards to hover a second and then to commence bobbing down the tide towards a lane much frequented by those ships which brought food, munitions of war and hundreds of other things to England's shores. "That's it, lad," came the answer, "but her eyes can wait for a minute." The trawlers, still steaming towards each other, now saw under the U-boat's bow and stern a pair of wire cat's cradles. She seemed suddenly to wake to her danger for with a bound she tried to disentangle herself from the meshes which held her. But it was too late. The trawlers had been too long at the game to leave any loopholes and the submarine was doomed. "Got him," signalled the seaplane. "Thanks," replied the destroyer, "we'll give him five minutes to come up and breathe, but no further move. At a signal from the destroyer the foremost trawler and the starboard after one clipped a small red tin of high explosive to the wire and allowed it to slide downwards till it touched the U-boat's hull. It was the seaplane's turn to wave a flag and immediately there followed the crashing of two flat upon two firing keys, the uprising of two grey mounds of water and a rumbling muffled explosion. The wires snapped in the middle. The seaplane circled above the patch of rising oil, ascertained that Fritz had been destroyed and notified the destroyer of the fact. Then with her observer shiping a drum of cartridges into the machine-gun, she sped off after those objects bobbing down the tide. A burst of rapid firing and the first of the devil's eggs, its buoyancy chamber punctured, sank with a gurgle. The second gave a better show, for it exploded against the seaplane, well content, slowed on her tail and begged for home.

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HUMAN CREDULITY.

WAR PROPHECIES BASED ON THE BIBLE.

The credulity of the average person is amazing. At least half a dozen people have assured me, writes a correspondent, that the war is going to end in February. Asked for their reasons they reply, "It says so in the Bible." The source of their knowledge is the Book of Revelation, in which a statement is made about a certain Beast, whose number is 666. This Beast, the sun and substance of all that is evil, is proved by an ingenious calculation to be the Kaiser. It could equally well be proved to be anybody else. At any rate he is to be overthrown in the forty and two months. Armageddon in forty and two months. Dating from August 1914 the forty-second month—the end of the tyrant's tether—says the Daily Chronicle, falls on February 1919.

It says something for the fertile imagination of the power and two months. Dating from August 1914 the forty-second month—the end of the tyrant's tether—says the Daily Chronicle, falls on February 1919.

BAGDAD LINE'S PLIGHT.

IN URGENT NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP.

The Bagdad Railway Company held its annual meeting on February 1st at Berlin under the chairmanship of Herr von Gwynner. The accounts showed that the receipts for 1918 were less by nearly £20,000 than those of the previous year. The report was silent as to 1917 and as to the future prospects of the company.

The chairman said that the position of the company was bad. They had denounced the contract with the Turkish-German company which had been entrusted with the building of the line. The Bagdad Company was in urgent need of financial help, as the Turkish Government had not paid them all the money that they owed.

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We makes the roads, an' mends the roads, an' makes them all again. (The traffic tears 'em all abroad, wif' one good shower o' rain.) We scrapes off mud, an' strows out stone beneath the gridin' wheels. (The sweat runs down behind our ears wif' much from caps to heels.) We're deaf, an' halt, an' some's half blind an' Corpl' Giles, he's lame. (The smart young gunners laughs at us, which seems to me a shame.) 'But, Lord, who minds, em laughin'! If I want for such as we, How would 'em get their guns to front?' says Corpl' Giles to me.

They goes up sweatin' in the sun, or singin' through the rain. An' when the charge Divisions come comes singin' back again. An' some stays where the wooden crosses mark the last advance. (There's lines o' little crosses all across the North o' France.) An' 'past the singin' muddy boys the Red Cross motors go, Packed full o' quiet bandaged forms, an' rollin' very slow. It makes us sad to see 'em, an' yet, you knows, it warts for such as we. The wounded wouldn't ride so smooth, says Corpl' Giles to me.

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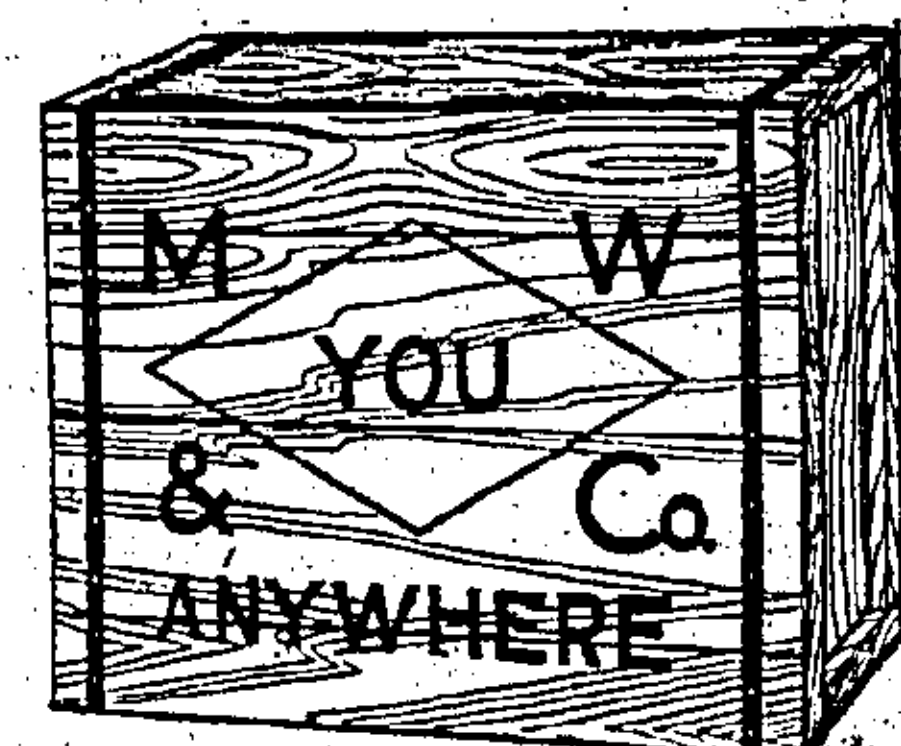
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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

RUSSIANS ARREST JAPANESE OFFICIAL.

Tokyo, May 6.
The Russian authorities at Irkutsk have arrested the Japanese Vice-Consul and the President of the Japanese Association.

CONSULS ACCUSED OF PLOTTING.

The Times Tokyo Correspondent, cabling on April 29th, says the Anki Correspondent at Moscow says the Foreign Commissary handed the Consuls-General for Japan, Great Britain, France and the United States a Note accusing the Consuls of participating in the plot against the Soviet Government and alleging that the representatives of these Powers at Vladivostok and Peking were negotiating a counter-revolutionary reorganization. Bolsheviks have recently been examining and subjecting to indignities Japanese subjects in Siberian towns.

WHY HOLLAND ACQUIESCED IN GERMANY'S DEMANDS.

The Hague, May 5.
The Foreign Minister has informed the Chamber that the German-Dutch tension has ended.

LATER.

The Foreign Minister (Dr. H. Looze) said the measures which Germany desired were originally only partly acceptable. The measures were the resumption of transport, which had ceased since 1917, between Germany and Belgium by the Dutch waterways, of sand, gravel and broken stone without the Dutch insisting on an expert enquiry regarding the employment of the previously transported materials.

The Dutch objected to uncontrolled transport and unlimited quantities as infringing the obligations of neutrality.

The Germans then stated that they desired permission respecting 1,600,000 tons annually. Holland agreed as the figure was below the maximum quantity which it expressed to the two interested Governments as necessary for the ordinary up-keep of the roads of Belgium. Therefore, Holland was justified in withdrawing the stipulation regarding expert investigation.

Germany simultaneously declared her willingness not to use the material for military purposes. Germany further demanded that she should not be hindered in her right to export a quarter million tons of gravel monthly from Holland to Belgium. During the somewhat long-standing Dutch prohibition of the transport, the exportation, usually free, of sand and gravel had been seriously hindered, and Holland had no longer a strong reason for withholding her acquiescence in a wish concerning a Dutch product whose export was not prohibited. Germany desired the resumption of the transport of merchandise by the Belgo-German railway via Roermond which Germany itself stopped at the beginning of the war. The terms of the Dutch-German Convention of October 12, 1914, forbade Dutch objection. Germany also desired free transport of all merchandise on this railway, except aeroplanes, arms and munitions. The question of the transport of troops did not arise, but Holland was unable to permit the transport of Army supplies by virtue of the principle of International Law expressly set forth in Article 2 of its proclamation of neutrality.

RAMSAY MACDONALD MOBBED.

SPEECH ENRAGES DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

London, May 6.
During a Labour "May Day" demonstration at Leicester on Sunday, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's platform was stormed by a body of men, mostly discharged soldiers, and only the prompt action of the police prevented the wrecking of the platform. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald started his speech by admitting that after the German offensive it was far more difficult to talk of peace. He proceeded to complain that the Government took no action upon the Austro-Turkish peace offer a year ago when the crowd carrying the Union Jack rushed to the platform.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

MR. DILLON ADDRESSES ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MEETING.

London, May 6.
Mr. J. Dillon and Mr. E. de Valera (Sinn Féin Member for Clare) from the same platform on Sunday at Ballagadereen, in Mr. Dillon's constituency in East Mayo, addressed an anti-conscription demonstration meeting attended by 15,000 persons.

Mr. Dillon said if the Irish people kept united and determined for another two months they would defeat conscription. He was convinced that this question would destroy the Government, but to achieve unity Committees throughout the country must be organised in a spirit of frank and friendly co-operation. He was sincerely desirous to give fair representation to all sections in each parish. Unless unity was achieved, the whole game would be thrown into the hands of the military. There was an impression in the country that the danger was passed. That impression was totally false. The Government was undoubtedly staggered, but it would be a disastrous mistake to allow the determination of the people to slacken.

Mr. Dillon suggested the formation of parish committees attached to every church and chapel. Thus if a struggle were forced upon them, the church would be the rallying point. If the central organisation were destroyed instructions would reach the people through the national organisations, especially the priests for the Church in the supreme hour of national danger would come to the rescue of the people. He was convinced that it would take an army which England could ill spare to enforce conscription.

Mr. de Valera said his followers would unite with the Nationalists to defeat conscription. At regard East Cavan the Sinn Féin would submit to one arbitrator, namely the free choice of the electors.

SILVER SHORTAGE IN IRELAND REMEDIED.

London, May 6.

To meet the shortage of silver in Ireland which has been ascribed to hoarding, a large quantity of silver coin arrived in Dublin yesterday from England.

THE LASCAR SEAMAN.

LORD INCHCAPE'S EULOGY.

London, May 6.

Lord Inchcape, Chairman of the P. & O. Co., presiding at the Strangers' Home for Aesthetics, paid a high tribute to the splendid services and gallantry of the native seamen during the war. The Home had provided comfortable quarters for torpedoed native seamen. Not many of our fellow-subjects would sail in German ships for a long time after the war.

Lord Inchcape said the Lascar's sobriety, his calm demeanour in an emergency, and his philosophic endurance of a catastrophe were beyond all praise.

During last year 1,236 Asiatics were admitted to the Home from torpedoed vessels alone, 170 of them were entirely destitute.

JAPANESE AGREEMENTS WITH CHINA.

London, May 5.

The Times Correspondent at Peking, in a cable dated April 29th, reports that a syndicate Japanese banks about conclude loan two million sterling for reorganization of the Chinese telegraph administration under Japanese supervision. The Japanese have also concluded an agreement with the Chinese Government with reference to wireless telegraphy.

WHAT FRANCE HAS LOST.

Mons. P. Borel, Inspector-General of Secondary Schools in France, lectured at the Manchester University on France's share in the war. Within three weeks or a month from the commencement he said, France was deprived of one-sixth her total wealth, while Germany, through violating the neutrality of Luxembourg, seized 9 per cent. of her total iron resources. Out of 170 blast-furnaces the Germans took 85 within the first month, and all their furnaces in consequence had to be reconstructed. They were the deprived of more than 50 per cent. of the total production of coal. France had been stripped of its youth and of its middle-aged men. In villages after villages there are practically no men to do the work necessary to keep France alive. France was a self-sufficient country before the war, but now, through lack of fertilisers and labour, the land was going to waste.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH LINE IMPROVED.

ENEMY POSITIONS RAIDED. SEVERAL PRISONERS TAKEN.

London, May 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We improved our line and captured several prisoners in the neighbourhood of Sally-le-Sec and eastward of Hebuterne.

We repulsed an attack on our new positions north-eastward of Hingra. Our line is intact.

We successfully raided the Forêt-de-Nieppe sector. Both artillery are active on the Lys battle-front.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

ARTILLERY DUELS.

London, May 5.

A French communiqué reports:—There was no infantry fighting during the day.

There was an artillery duel north and south of the Aves and on the upper and lower Jilette.

A French communiqué reports reciprocal artillery activity north and south of the Aves, also in the Doumont-Filirey sector.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German evening official message says:—French counter-attacks at Kemmel and Baillet failed with very heavy losses.

ENEMY EFFORT RESUMED.

KEMMEL HILLS ATTACKED.

London, May 4.

Reuters Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—There is unmistakable sign that the enemy is resuming his effort to force the hill chain west of Kemmel. Last night he opened a tremendous bombardment of Scherpenberg and the neighbourhood of Mont Rouge, lasting a considerable time.

The crushing hurricane bombardment upon the British and French lines north of La Clytte to the south of Mont Rouge was resumed this morning and half an hour later the French were sending up "S.O.S." signals.

No details are at present available.

CENTRAL POWERS AND RUMANIA.

PEACE TREATIES READY FOR SIGNATURE.

Amsterdam, May 5.

Austrian, German and Rumanian representatives have finalised, an economic treaty supplementing the Rumanian peace treaty.

All the peace treaties between Austria-Hungary, Germany and Rumania are now ready for signature.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT AUSTRIAN CORN MILL.

Amsterdam, May 5.

Fire has destroyed the largest Austrian corn-mill at Wysochcan. The damage is estimated at several million kronen and the cause is unknown.

GERMANY'S DRASTIC ACTION IN UKRAINE.

AN EXPLANATION IN THE REICHTAG.

Amsterdam, May 5.

In the Reichstag, the Vice-Chancellor, von Payer, referring to the events in Ukraine, mentioned in a German communiqué dated on May 2, alleged that General von Eichhorn's drastic action was due to the discovery that the Ukrainian Committee, including several Ministers, had plotted the assassination of all German officers in Ukraine.

ACTION SEVERELY CRITICISED.

Certain Berlin papers severely criticise the actions of the German military authorities in Ukraine, which is now completely controlled by Germans. The Vorwärts says that affairs in the East are deplorable. The peace concluded there is calculated to scare away the remaining opponents.

The Tagesspiegel says that even optimists may see that the Eastern situation stands on a very unstable foundation.

AMERICAN TRIBUTE TO NAVY'S HEROISM.

WE SALUTE MEN OF BRITISH NAVY.

London, May 5.

Tributes to British heroism at Zebrugga from the American Admiral Sims and Major-General Biddle are published.

The former says: "We need have little fear of the outcome of the struggle with such a convincing demonstration of the morale of the great service on which we are largely dependent for the maintenance of the civility and freedom of the High Seas."

Major-General Biddle says: "Such achievements must give heart and pride to every man and every nation engaged in the great struggle. The men of the United States Army salute the men of the British Navy with boundless admiration and profound respect."

THE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS.

A GERMAN LONG-RANGE GUN DESTROYED.

Paris, May 5.

It is confirmed that a French battery destroyed one of the German long-range guns which have been bombarding Paris.

EXPORT PROHIBITION IN NETHERLANDS INDIES.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES PROHIBITED.

The Hague, May 5.

The Governor-General of the Dutch Indies has extended the prohibition on the export of tin, quinine and kapok to timber, tobacco, sugar, tea, pepper, coffee, copra, petroleum, vegetable oils and skins.

It is officially explained that the object of the prohibition is to ensure to the Dutch Indies proportionate imports of necessities, especially of foodstuffs, in exchange for export.

THE PEAK CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of worshippers at the Peak Church was held at St. Paul's College last evening. Dr. J. H. Sanders presided, and there were present:—Dr. Lander (Bishop of Victoria); Archbishop Barnett, the Rev. H. C. Copley Moyle, Mr. H. R. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. W. M. Humphreys, Mr. W. L. Patterson, Mr. P. Jacks, and Mr. T. G. Fleming.

The annual report states *inter alia*:—The Church has again been of great value to Peak residents. Of the balance of \$1,554.37 in hand at the beginning of the year \$230 was given to War Charities and \$1,000 invested in the Straits War Loan. The following collections for outside objects were made: Dr. Barnett's Homes \$24.48; Hospitals \$25.50 and British and Foreign Bible Society \$45. The Committees are now paying \$8 weekly to those clergy who are good enough to enable the weekly Communion Service to be continued. The Committee desire to heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Bowley for their handsome gift of a carved teakwood reredos in memory of Ellen Maria Gibbs, Maria Bowley, Mary Benton and Annie Edwards. This work of art was executed from the design of Mr. Bird and dedicated on Easter Day, 1918. The Committee also thank the Misses May for the gift of velvet kneeling cushions for the Communion rails, Mrs. W. Meyrick Humphreys for looking after the linen and frontals; Mrs. Knight for arranging the flowers; Miss Innes and Miss Rose Edkins for playing the organ and the men of the Middlesex Regiment who kindly led the singing at the Sunday Evening Services.

The report and statement of accounts were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Humphreys.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. Copley Moyle; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. Jacks; Committee: The Bishop of Victoria, Rev. J. Kirk, Macdonachie, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. and Mr. W. M. Humphreys.

NEXT SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

THIS MORNING'S TRAINING GALLOPS.

The following gallops took place at Happy Valley this morning, all on the inside course which was somewhat heavy:—

ESSEX CHIEF (1 mile)—41, 1.20, 1.55.2, 1.4. 35.2.
MARINE (1 mile, last 2)—33, 1.14, 1.46, 1.4. 32.
DOUBTFUL (1 mile)—33, 1.08.3, 1.45.1, 2.19.2, 1.4. 34.1.
PEEKSKILL and THE SPEC (1 mile)—35, 1.11.2, 1.45.8, 2.21.1, 1.4. 35.8.
SHAMSH CAT (1 1/2 mile)—42, 1.20.4, 1.52.4, 1.4. 32.
BLACK CAT (1 mile)—35, 1.10.2, 1.47.1, 2.19.2, 1.4. 32.1.
MORNING GLORY (2 mile)—35, 1.08.2, 1.43, 1.4. 34.3.
ANTICIPATION (1 mile)—34, 1.08.4, 1.43.2, 2.17.2, 1.4. 34.
BURNESBAND (1 mile)—34, 1.08, 1.43, 2.18, 1.4. 30.
DIVIDEND (1 mile)—37, 1.18.1, 1.48.1, 2.22.1, 1.4. 34.
GENTLE CAT (1 mile)—37, 1.17, 1.53.4, 2.24.4, 1.4. 31.
HONTSKAM (1 mile)—37.3, 1.12.2, 1.48.3, 1.4. 36.
SNUFFBOX (1 mile)—35.2, 1.09, 1.42.2, 1.4. 33.2.
GREEN CLUTE (1 mile)—35.2, 1.09.2, 1.45, 1.4. 35.3.
BROWN MOORE (1 1/2 mile)—40, 1.14.2, 1.50.4, 2.27, 2.59, 1.4. 33.
CHAMPIONMAN (1 mile, last 2)—36, 1.10.1, 1.45, 1.4. 34.4.
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THE MAGISTRACY.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

Two Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with behaving in a disorderly manner at Queen's Road West yesterday and also with assaulting the police.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, solicitor for the defence, applied for a remand.

Mr. J. R. Wood remanded the case until next Friday fixing bail at \$50 each.

THE OLD, OLD TALE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with being in unlawful possession of ten tins of prepared opium, not Government opium. Sergt. Murphy said the defendant was arrested at the Yaumati railway station and the opium was found concealed around his waist.

Defendant admitted being in possession of the drug and gave the usual excuse of having been commissioned by a stranger to convey the opium to the railway station.

His Worship fined the defendant \$250 with the alternative of four months hard labour. The opium was ordered to be confiscated.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

A Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with attempting to steal a silver bangle from a child in Shanghai Street, Yaumati.

Sergt. Murphy said the defendant was seen by a lukung to follow a woman who was carrying the child on her back. He was putting out his hand to snatch the bangle from the child's wrist when the constable arrested him.

A lukung gave evidence of the arrest. His Worship discharged the defendant on the ground of insufficient evidence.

OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.

A Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with obtaining money under false pretences.

Inspector Browne stated that the defendant showed the complainant, an old woman, a \$10 bank note and asked for subsidiary coins in exchange. She procured the money from her daughter and gave it him, receiving in exchange what she believed to be a bank note wrapped up in brown paper. Further examination revealed the bundle to contain only brown paper. She reported the matter to the police and the defendant was arrested.

Complainant told a long and disconcerting story of having been stupefied by fumes which the defendant blew on her face and then took advantage of her condition to cheat her.

Inspector Browne said the defendant was ashamed of having been so easily duped and therefore told the story of the fumes to cover her confusion. It was a common occurrence.

Defendant said he had given the \$10 banknote to the complainant. The money was wrapped up in brown paper and the complainant in her confusion must have lost it. It was quite safe to assume that possibility hearing the account she gave of her loss.

After further evidence Mr. Dyer Ball sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

A COAL EXPORTER'S MISUNDERSTANDING.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. A. Dyer Ball this morning, with exporting 50 tons of coal per S.S. Tang Lee without an export permit.

Mr. G. R. Haywood, for the defendant, said the cargo was consigned to a Dutch firm in Java. The defendant obtained an export permit at the Import and Export Office and was instructed that the permit had to be used by the Dutch Consul previous to exporting the goods. The defendant did not understand the instructions and shipped the goods without having the permit used. But when the mistake was discovered the defendants made every possible attempt to remedy it and telegraphed to the shipping company not to discharge the cargo until everything was in order.

Mr. Tatham of the Import and Export Office agreed that the defendant had made every effort to remedy his mistake.

After the evidence had been heard, Mr. Dyer Ball fined the defendant \$25.

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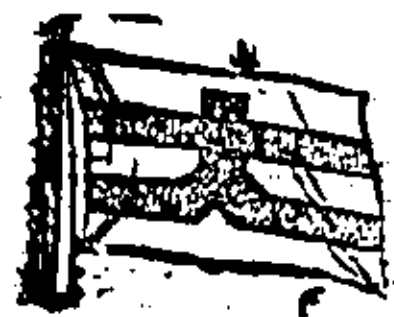
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